

Membership In Churches Up

NEW YORK (RNS) — Although church and synagogue membership in the U.S. in 1965 gained by 1,374,973 to a grand total of 124,682,422, it failed to keep up with population growth for the first time since 1961.

The 1.3 million increase represented a 1.1 per cent gain from 1964 church membership contrasted to the population rise estimated at 1.3 per cent between April 1964-April 1965. Present church membership constitutes 64.3 per cent of the

total U. S. population, compared with 64.4 per cent in 1964, 64 per cent in 1963, 63.4 per cent in 1961 and 1962, and 63.6 per cent in 1960.

The statistics, released by the National Council of Churches, are based on its 1967 Yearbook of American Churches to be published Jan. 9. They were compiled by the NCC's research department and are mainly for the 1965 calendar year of fiscal year ending in 1965.

In 1964 the percentage gains were slightly less than 2 per cent for church membership, and 1.5 per cent for population; in 1963 these percentages were 2.6 and 1.5 respectively; in 1962 they were both 1.6 per cent; and in 1961 membership lagged a little behind population growth.

The Yearbook also contains directories of interdenominational and denominational agencies, theological seminaries, religious periodicals, councils of churches and other data.

For the first time it includes enrollment at 127 seminaries affiliated with the American Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada. This shows that an all-time high of 21,529 students were attending these schools in 1965, a 504 increase.

Concerning church membership, it was pointed out that such designation differs from group to group. Eastern Orthodox include persons in the

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SBC MISSIONS—Gifts Hit All-Time Record

NASHVILLE (BP) — The year 1966 was marked by the largest contributions to Southern Baptist Convention missions causes in the history of the denomination, an end-of-the-year financial report from the SBC Executive Committee disclosed here.

Southern Baptists gave more than \$24 million through the denomination's Cooperative Program during 1966, surpassing last year's contributions by \$1.4 million.

In addition, designated contributions to specific Southern Baptist mission's causes boosted total missions gifts for 1966 to almost \$43 million.

The end-of-the-year report was prepared by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here which receives the funds from churches and state conventions and distributes them.

It was the biggest year of missions giving in the history of the convention, and the advance section of the Cooperative Program was entered earlier than ever before, the day before Thanksgiving.

December was also the biggest month of missions giving in the history of the denomination with a record \$2,574,436 given through the Cooperative Program and an additional \$168,410 to designated causes.

"The increased receipts reflect a deep concern on the part of Southern Baptists for greater outreach through the agencies supported by the Cooperative Program," commented Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee. Routh gave the credit to laymen, pastors, and state conventions increasing their percentage to SBC causes.

The record \$24,005,046 in Cooperative Program contributions exceeded similar contributions in 1965 by \$1,434,188 or 6.35 per cent.

Designated contributions totalling \$18,994,575 for 1966 increased by 11.03 per cent or \$1,887,526 over 1965 designations.

The grand total of designated and Cooperative Program missions gifts was \$42.

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Baptist Executive Killed In Crash

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)—One of the top executives for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was killed in a car-train crash here while on his way home from work.

Killed was Samuel Drew Russell, associate executive secretary of the convention and director of its department of missions. He was 50.

Russell's automobile collided with a Rock Island freight train in suburban Wichita just ten minutes after he had left the office for home. He died three hours after the crash.

Funeral services were held at the Sharon Baptist Church, Wichita, on Jan. 6. The collision occurred at 4:40 p.m., Jan. 4.

Russell had been elected to the staff of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists less than one year earlier. He was jointly employed by the Kansas Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

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Evangelism Meeting Set Feb. 6-8

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Feb. 6-8, it has been announced by Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, secretary of evangelism.

"Truth - To Set Men Free" will be the theme of the meeting, scheduled to begin Monday night at 6:55 o'clock.

Visiting speakers will be Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas; Dr. Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; Dr. Harper Shannon, pastor of First Church, Dothan, Ala.; Dr. Robert L. Hughes, full-time Baptist evangelist of Pensacola, Fla., and Rev. Rubens Lopes, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, chairman of the central coordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas, set for 1969 in North, Central and South America.

Mr. Lopes served as president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention for 11 years and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

State leaders to participate will include Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgens, pastor of First Church, Jackson; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs and Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven.

Dan C. Hall, music secretary, will direct conference music and arrange for special music at each session.

More than 1000 Mississippi Baptist pastors and other church and associational leaders are expected to attend, according to Dr. Sansing.

Themes for the five sessions will be as follows: Monday night, "The Church - The Evangelistic Task Force"; Tuesday morning, "Keeping the Organizations Focused on Evangelism"; Tuesday afternoon, "Truth - The Great Emancipator"; Tuesday night, "The Source of Power"; Wednesday morning, "Laborers For The Vineyard."

Those desiring to stay at the assembly should write immediately to Rev. Tom Douglas, director of assemblies, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., for reservations.

Those desiring to stay at nearby motels or hotels should write directly to the one of their choice.

The conference will adjourn at the close of the Wednesday morning session.



Dr. W. A. Criswell



Dr. Grady C. Cothen



Dr. Harper Shannon

groes in the worship services, plus the editorial comments in state Baptist papers which generally deplored the action, was rated the second top story by the editors.

Ranked third was a series of events in 1966 regarding Baptist-Catholic relationships. Listed on the ballot were such items as "Baptist - Catholic dialogue proposed; priest preaches in Florida pulpit; joint Baptist - Catholic weddings, funerals held; SBC Communications Conference speakers cite improved Baptist-Catholic relationships."

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Graham Fears Clash With Red China

ATLANTA (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham cited a Communist ploy as the reason some civilian casualties may have occurred on U. S. air strikes near the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

Upon his return here after a 10-day Christmas tour of South Vietnam, Mr. Graham said the North Vietnamese were locating anti-aircraft missile sites in densely populated areas with the hope that the United States would not risk bombing them.

"I don't believe residents are purposely being bombed," Mr. Graham stated.

He also told newsmen here that the Communists "want" Vietnam. The evangelist commented that he did not see "any possibility" of the Communists entering into peace talks if they have to make concessions.

In a news conference held later at his Montreat, N. C. headquarters, Mr. Graham painted a bleak picture of future nuclear engagements involving the Communist Chinese.

"I think the world is heading for a gigantic disaster," he said. "I think we are on a collision course with China." He predicted that within five years Red China will be capable of launching a nuclear attack anywhere in the Orient, and that in 10 years China can attack the U. S. with nuclear weapons.

"I hope and pray that some reason will come," the evangelist said, "that some group will rise in China and bring reason to these people."

Textbook Loan Law Is Upheld

ALBANY, N.Y. (RNS)—Justices of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court unanimously reversed a lower court ruling which declared unconstitutional a state law which permits the loan of public textbooks to students of parochial and private schools.

The ruling—which, in effect, upheld the constitutionality of the law but was not based entirely on constitutional questions—upset a decision by State Supreme Court Justice T. Paul Kane of last August which maintained that the statute violates federal and state constitutional provisions involving church-state separation.

Three of the justices of the appellate division restricted their opinion to the right of a public school board to attack the law, concluding that the

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FEDERAL AID QUESTION VOTED TOP SBC STORY FOR 1966

NASHVILLE (BP) — The most significant news of 1966 among Southern Baptists was the action of state Baptist conventions which adopted policy statements denying federal grants to their institutions, according to a vote of state Baptist paper editors.

The editors of state Baptist newspapers picked the complex question of "federal aid to Baptist institutions as the top Southern Baptist news story of the year.

Ranked second was the action of Tattnell Square Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., to fire its church staff over the issue of integration; and voted third were numerous developments during 1966 involving relationships between Southern Baptists and Catholics.

The annual balloting to determine the editors' pick of

ten top Southern Baptist stories of the year was conducted by the Baptist Press, news service of the SBC. Twenty-nine state Baptist papers, plus the editors of the Baptist Press, were polled.

Other stories picked by the editors among the ten most significant Southern Baptist news developments of 1966 were:

(4) Maryland Court of Appeals rules grants to denominational colleges unconstitutional and Supreme Court refuses to hear case; (5) Baptist Educational Study Task (BEST) first national conference reveals divided opinions on higher educational problems; (6) SBC participation in Crusade of Americas launched; (7) Dirksen prayer amendment fails in Congress; (8) Cuba gives missionary Herbert Caudill conditional prison release; (9) American Baptist Convention General Council rejects Crusade of Americas participation; and (10) Arkansas convention relinquishes Baptist hospital to accept federal grants.

Five of the ten top Southern Baptist stories of the year dealt in some way with the principle of separation of church and state and the officials which faced Baptists during 1966 in interpreting the principle.

Fifteen editors rated as the number one story, the headline: "Federal aid question considered by state conventions; seven adopt policy statements."

In October and November, seven state conventions approved policy statements which deny federal grants to their institutions. Four of the conventions denied federal loans to their institutions, while four others approved of federal loans.

The action of Tattnell Square Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., to fire its pastor, assistant pastor and music director as a result of a squabble over whether to seat Ne-

32.40 in 1965.

Additions by letter for 1966 totaled \$5,736, an increase of 823 over the 24,913 in 1965.

Cooperative Program contributions for 1966 were \$3,191,485 an increase of \$190,562 over the \$3,000,923 given in 1965.

Total mission gifts in 1966 were \$5,150,324, an increase of \$430,518 over the \$4,719,806 contributed in 1965.

Total receipts for all purposes in 1966 were \$29,858,291 an increase of \$1,703,211 over the \$28,155,080 given in 1965.

Per capita total receipts for 1966 was \$58.89, an increase of \$3.65 over the \$55.24 given in 1965.

The number enrolled in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan in 1966 was 732, an increase of 10 over 1965.

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State Baptists Gain In 1966

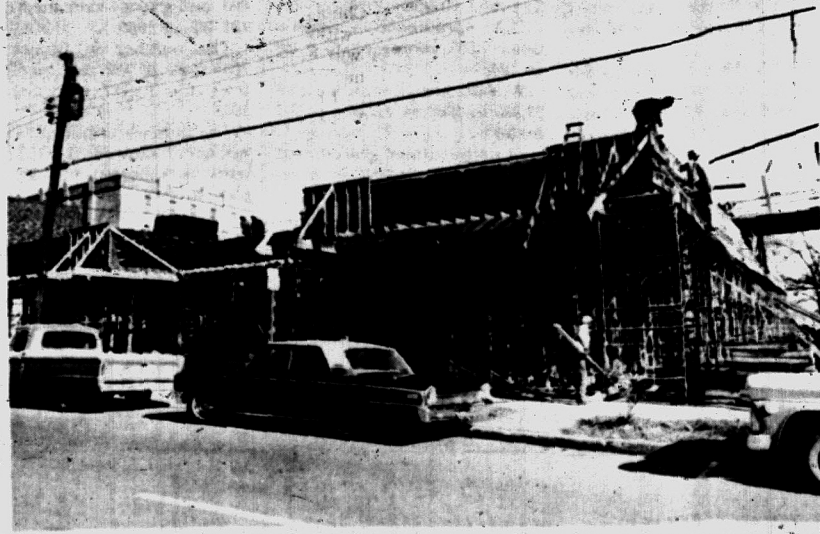
Mississippi Baptist life and work increased in most areas during 1966 over 1965, according to figures released this week by the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The membership of the churches in 1966 totaled 507,040, an all-time high and an increase of 3,708 over the 503,334 reported in 1965.

The number of churches in 1966 was 1890, an increase of 34 over the 1856 in 1965.

The number of baptisms in 1966 was 15,927, an increase of 433 over the 15,494 baptized in 1965.

The baptism ratio showed a decrease of 2.01% from 1965 to 1966 but this is considered favorable since it took 31.84 church members to win each convert in 1965 compared to



CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW BAPTIST BUILDING IN JACKSON is progressing rapidly. On Friday, January 6, forms were being placed for the pouring of the concrete for the second floor. The building will have four floors, and is scheduled for completion late next summer, or early next fall. Occupancy is expected by the time of the State Convention in November, and it is hoped that the building can be dedicated at that meeting.

OUTLOOK IN CONGRESS—Church-State Relations For '67

By J. Eugene White
Managing Editor,
"Church & State" Magazine
Washington, D.C.

The legacy of the 86th Congress in the area of legislation having a bearing on religion and morals was one of heated debates, vote swapping between legislators, compromises, stalling tactics, emo-

tional appeals, and honest statesmanship.

It was an exciting two years. Some say they were profitable years; others disagree, declaring that much of the controversy ended in disaster.

Much of the heated activity in the 86th Congress, was the result of ambitious "Great

Society" legislation. Many believed it to be too ambitious. The common belief of members of both parties on Capitol Hill now is that voters in the Nov. 8 election showed themselves cool to grandiose ideas for the big money involved in a Great Society. As a result, they say, this Congress

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Christian Action Commission Meets

In the meeting at the Baptist Building in Jackson on January 9, the Christian Action Commission re-elected the following officers for the coming year. Rev. E. F. Hicks, Waynesboro, chairman; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Biloxi, vice-chairman; and W. B. Rives, Jackson, secretary.

The Commission also authorized preparation and printing of a number of tracts, asking the executive director, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, to prepare these tracts in consultation with a Special Literature Committee composed of Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Hazlehurst; Rev. James Walker, Flora; and Rev. W. G. Watson, Clinton.

Policy Statements

The Commission approved policy statements on certain phases of their work. Among these was a statement concerning the role of the Christian Action Commission in Church and State. This statement in full follows:

"One of the areas of concern, assigned to the Christian Action Commission in 1964 was that of 'Church and State'. Before the new Commission could develop procedures in dealing with their

responsibilities, in 1965, the Convention authorized a special Church-State Study Committee. Because of this special committee, the Christian Action Commission was dormant in this field for that year. The action of the Convention in 1966 is well known to informed Baptists. Now, therefore, in keeping with our assigned task, we affirm our role to be that of interpretation.

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Pastoral Care Institute To Be On January 31

On January 31 the seventh annual Institute for Pastoral Care will be held at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. The featured speaker will be Dr. John M. Price, Jr., Dean of the School of Religious Education of New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Joseph B. Miller, a local physician, will also speak.

The program will be from 10:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration is free.

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Who Sent Names Of Servicemen To The Record?

The Baptist Record has received the names of the following three servicemen, with the request that they be added to the mailing list: PFC John D. West, US 53 41 2240, Company D, 172nd Sst Bn., APO, Seattle, Washington, 98249; Pvt. Larry Hall, Platoon 322 R Company, Third Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina 29905; and PFC Terry C. Simpson, RA 14 889 007, 499th Medical Corp (Air Ambal) APO, San Francisco, California 96204.

However, the sender of the names is not identified on the postal card. Neither is there a postmark shown. The Mailing Department of the Record does not know to which church list to add the names of the three men.

Will the writer of the card please send his name and the name of his church. Or will someone who recognizes the names of the men, and who knows their home church, please notify the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson.

Birmingham Hospital Moves

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) "Operation Big Move" was almost like a modern version of the exodus to the Promised Land.

Without a hitch, 54 patients were transferred from the Highland Avenue Baptist Hospital, in operation here since 1930, to a new modern Baptist Medical Center Hospital three miles away.

Promptly at 8:00 a.m. on the day of "Operation Big Move," ambulances of the 109th Evacuation Hospital Unit of the Alabama National Guard arrived at the old hospital to begin the big move.

Private cars driven by 17 ministers of the Birmingham Baptist Association also helped transport the patients the three miles to the new hospital located on the South slope of Red Mountain, at 800 Montclair Road.

Traffic between the two institutions was controlled by a Military Police detachment from the 31st Infantry Division of the Alabama National Guard.

GIFTS HIT NEW RECORD

(Continued from page 1) 999,622, an increase of \$3,321,714 over 1965, or 8.37 per cent.

Under the procedure established by the convention when the 1966 budget was adopted, all mission contributions through the Cooperative Program which arrived after the budget had been met was divided two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions. A total of \$2,744,297 was divided between the two SBC mission boards through this "advance section" of the Cooperative Program giving plan.

During the year, the SBC Foreign Mission Board received a total of \$28,406,785 through both designated and Cooperative Program contributions, compared to \$24.3 million in 1965.

The SBC Home Mission Board received \$9,014,981 during 1966, compared to \$8.1 million in 1965.

Twenty-one Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutions and organizations received funds through the Cooperative Program or through designated contributions.

Six Southern Baptist seminaries received a total of \$5,008,485 in total contributions, the report disclosed, and the SBC Radio-Television Commission received \$1,097,698. Other agencies and organizations received much smaller amounts, ranging from less than \$1,000 to about \$250,000.

The end-of-the-year financial report included only amounts given to nation and worldwide SBC missions causes, and did not include funds for the support of local churches, area-wide missions efforts, and state-wide missions programs.



FIRST, GULFPORT'S new sanctuary when completed will look like the above drawing.

1st, Gulfport, Breaks Ground In Rain

On January 1, First Church, Gulfport, observed a "ground-breaking service," initiating the beginning of construction for a new sanctuary and three-story educational building.



SHOWN in the picture: Roy Anderson, Jr., contractor; Norville Hall, organ contractor; Grant Chastain, chairman of Building Committee; George Estes, Jr.; Ted Ward, chairman of Deacons; Ed Estes; Rothell Blackledge; Mrs. J. H. Mathews; Sam Alman, III; Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor.

style designed by Charles H. Dean, Jr., will seat 1,704 people. The three-story educational building will house approximately 17 departments. The base bid by the contractor, Roy Anderson Jr., was \$1,022,725.00; the estimated time of construction is approximately 14 months.

The program included introduction of guests by Grant Chastain, chairman of the Building Committee; special music by the sanctuary choir directed by Bob Jones, minister of music; turning of dirt by Mrs. J. H. Mathews; and a dedication prayer led by Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor.

Mrs. J. H. Mathews, (daughter of Mrs. M. A. Thornton in whose home the church was organized in 1896) turned the first spade of dirt for the new building. This is the third time in the history of First Church that Mrs. Mathews has been asked to assume this responsibility.

Though the rain came down, over 500 people participated in the ground-breaking services.

Federal Aid Is Top Story

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Rated fourth was the decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals which ruled unconstitutional federal grants to sectarian colleges, and the decision by the Supreme Court against hearing the case.

The Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), a two-year comprehensive study of the problems facing Baptist higher education, was ranked the fifth top story of the year. BEST held its first national conference in NASHVILLE in June, with the study to be completed in June of 1967.

The ten top Southern Baptist stories of 1966 were selected from a ballot listing 26 possibilities.

Ranked 11th through 20th were: (11) Study, discussion, editorial comments continue

on SBC name change proposal; (12) new editors named for state Baptist papers in eight states; (13) Baptists participate in World Congress on Evangelism; (14) SBC membership tops 10.75 million, missions giving up, baptisms down; (15) 70 Onward studies suggest future approaches for SBC, basic areas of church work; (16) North American Baptist Fellowship organized officially; presidents issue statement; and state conventions approve new Annuity Board program; (17) SBC exceeds budget in November; (18) Franklin Pashall elected new SBC president, tours world mission points, urges prayers for peace; (19) SBC applauds ruling refusing to censure Bill Moyers for dancing frug, com-

munications award to Moyers postponed; and (20) Stetson University accepts federal grant, Florida convention responds.

Two editors ranked stories among the top ten entries which were not listed on the ballot, adding them into a section for "others." One editor ranked as third in significance the action of the SBC Home Mission Board to emphasize its work in big metropolitan cities and another editor ranked as tenth a proposed seminar on Baptist work in urban centers jointly



TWO EMPLOYEES of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board who retired at the end of 1966 were presented awards in recognition of their service. In top photo Rev. Tom Douglas, (left), assemblys digetor, gives award to Mr. Allen Ashley, who retired after 11 years as caretaker at Camp Kittiwake. In photo below Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, presents award to Mrs. Eunice Campbell, who retired after seven years with the Board, the past three as business manager of the paper.

Christian Action Commission Meets

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tion and the presentation of pertinent facts to the issues involved, without any attempt to suggest policy for Mississippi Baptist churches or institutions.

Religious liberty is a biblical concept solidly grounded in the sovereignty of God and the freedom of man. Each person is free to deal with God for himself as his conscience dictates, but all forms of Christian faith and all other religions are equal before the law. The principle of liberty allows the freedom to practice and propagate any religion, or no religion, as long as such privileges do not infringe upon the rights of others.

Religious liberty can be guaranteed best with both Church and State free from the control of the other. Freedom of the State from Church control is as important to this concept as freedom of the Church from State control. History is replete with instances where religious liberty was lost in either case. We well recognize that there are those among us who have honest disagreements as to the application of the principle of separation of Church and State. We also affirm that implementation of the principle of separation is important at all levels — community, city, county, state and national. We recognize

that public funds for church support may come from either the county court house, the state capitol, or Washington, D.C. In the realm of political action, we believe that the primary role of the churches is to change men and women that they as individuals and as groups may change government or society.

It is our purpose to assist our people to gain as much insight as possible to the tensions of our day in Church-State relationships as well as to keep us continually aware of the Bible principles of religious liberty.

Others in attendance were Dr. Sam Shepard, Tupelo; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; C. O. Trenor, Houston; D. R. Sanderson, Laurel; D. B. Conney, Florence; Rev. Ivor Clark, Macon; and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.



John M. Price, Jr.

Pastoral Care . . .

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istration will be held in the hospital cafeteria from 9:30 to 10:15 (with coffee and doughnuts served). A registration fee of \$2.00 includes your lunch and helps with program expense.

The meeting is sponsored jointly by Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Hinds Baptist Association. These programs are designed to help ministers do a better job in ministering to the ill.

Abrams Attends News Seminar

Joe Abrams, associate editor of "The Baptist Record," and Mississippi news representative, joined representatives from five other Southern states for a one-day "Radio News Seminar" at Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission in Fort Worth, Texas, January 10.

Representatives attending the meeting are in charge of compiling and editing the religious news for their state news broadcast and directing the news to the Fort Worth International Communications Center where weekly, five-minute religious news programs are produced. Six states broadcast the weekly news programs. A seventh state, Mississippi, will begin broadcasting February 13.

Activities included a Monday evening dinner, after which representatives were familiarized with the facilities of the International Communications Center. They held a discussion on radio news style. Bob Thornton, Radio News Director for WFAA Radio in Dallas, was guest speaker for the visiting news editors.

Other representatives attending the seminar were Gene Kerr, Tennessee news representative; Marse Grant, editor "Biblical Recorder," North Carolina; Michael L. Speer, Kentucky, Stewardship Promotion department; Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor, "Arkansas Baptist," Arkansas; and Floyd Craig, Director of Communications, Oklahoma.

Textbook Loans

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plaintiff board, from East Greenbush in Rensselaer County, does not have such a right.

At the same time, said Associate Justice J. Clarence Herliby, who wrote the majority opinion, there was satisfaction that the state and federal constitutions were not violated.

Two other judges of the appellate division were of the opinion that the school board could sue but that the law is constitutional.

Passed in 1965 and expanded in 1966, the law covers students of the 7th through 12th grades. It has been estimated that \$2,250,000 worth of junior high and senior high texts would be allocated to non-public—largely Roman Catholic—students during the current school year.

sponsored by three SBC agencies.

Several state Baptist paper editors did not respond to the ballot by the deadline.



Rev. Billy McKay

Madison Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Billy McKay has resigned the pastorate of Main Street Church, Goodman, and as Director of Baptist Student Union at Holmes Junior College, to accept the pastorate of Madison Church, Madison. Mr. McKay began his work at Madison in December.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. Former work includes service as pastor of Zama Church and as minister of education at Forest Church.

Mrs. McKay is the former Patricia Carol Kemp of Magee. The McKays have one son, Mark, age 3.

Noiseless falls the foot of Time.—Spencer.

Nothing is so dear and precious as Time.—Rabelais.

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crease of 10 over 1965.

In the organizations there were both increases and decreases.

Brotherhood showed an increase, with 13,913 recorded for 1966 against 12,129 in 1965.

Sunday School enrollment registered an increase with 324,647 registered in 1966 against 321,443 in 1965.

Music Ministry enrollment registered an increase, with 47,106 recorded in 1966 as compared to 44,990 in 1965.

Decreases were recorded however in R.A., W.M.U. and Training Union.

R.A. enrollment in 1966 totaled 7,557 compared to 9,458 in 1965.

W.M.U. enrollment reached 36,980 in 1966 as against 60,777 in 1965.

Training Union enrollment in 1966 was 138,956 as compared to 139,877 in 1965.

Pastor's annual salary in 1966 totaled \$6,186,171, an increase over the \$5,896,656 in 1965.

The value of church property in 1966 totaled \$140,631,606, an increase over the \$129,101,782 in 1965.

The number of tithers in 1966 was 65,782, an increase over the 64,187 recorded in 1965.

The number ordained to the ministry showed a decline, with 99 reported in 1966 as compared to 110 in 1965.

Shown below is a table showing all figures including those also for 1964 as well as the percentage gains or loss

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

* COMPARATIVE STATISTICS 1964 - 1965 - 1966

	1964	% Increase or (Decrease) from Prior Year	1965	% Increase or (Decrease) from Prior Year	1966	% Increase or (Decrease) from Prior Year
Baptisms	15,768	2.3	15,494	(1.7)	15,927	2.8
Baptism Ratio	31.54%	(1.0)	32.49%	3.0	31.84	(2.01)
Additions by Letter	25,619	(2.9)	24,913	(2.8)	25,736	3.3
Total Membership	427,354	1.3	503,334	1.2	507,040	1.7
Missions Operated	170	9.0	110	(35.3)	61	(44.5)
Pastor's Annual Salary	\$5,614,850	5.1	\$5,896,656	5.0	\$6,186,171	4.9
Value of Church Property	\$125,193,120	7.1	\$129,101,782	3.1	\$140,631,606	8.9
Protection Plan	723	1.4	722	(.14)	732	1.4
R. A. Enrollment	9,947	3.4	9,458	(4.9)	7,557	(20.1)
Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	14,869	1.0	12,129	(18.4)	13,913	14.7
W.M.U. Enrollment	63,722	2.5	60,777	(4.6)	58,980	(2.96)
Sunday School Enrollment	323,725	.04	321,443	(.71)	324,647	1.0
Training Union Enrollment	144,900	(.7)	139,877	(3.5)	138,956	(.7)
Music Ministry	48,114	(Not available)	44,990	(6.5)	47,106	4.7
Number Tithers	(Not available)		64,187	(Not available)	65,782	2.5
Number Ordained Ministry	29	(Not available)	110	22.2	99	(10.0)
Co-operative Program	\$2,802,356	9.8	\$3,000,923	7.1	\$3,191,485	6.4
Co-operative % Total Gifts	10.88%	4.1	10.66%	(2.0)	10.67%	.09
Total Mission Gifts	\$4,392,310	4.9	\$4,719,806	7.5	\$5,150,324	9.1
Total Receipts	\$25,739,236	5.7	\$28,155,080	2.4	\$29,858,221	6.04
Per Capita	\$51.75	4.3	\$55.24	6.7	\$58.89	6.6

* As reported in Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual as taken from Associational Summaries

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gress will be far more conservative than the last.

This attitude coupled with the rising cost of the Vietnam War will bring to an end the monetary windfalls to many Great Society programs. The result may be somewhat fewer violations in the area of church-state relations as the climb in these problems tends to level off.

Interviews with several Senators and Representatives of both parties and with the heads of some government agencies show that religious issues in the 90th Congress seem to be shaping up in the following way—

Prayer Amendment: Senator Dirksen's office reconfirmed to this writer the determination to resubmit a proposed constitutional amendment to "provide for or permit" voluntary prayers in public schools. It will be submitted early. Its chances are

faculty of reaching residents of multiple-unit apartments, considered poor. Failure of the amendment proposal is expected to bring another attempt for a "sense of the Congress" resolution. It will meet strong opposition. Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) said he would oppose it, as would many others, because "Congress was not created to render advisory opinions to the Supreme Court."

Poverty War: It will be an uphill pull. The 89th Congress on several occasions looked hard at some of the anti-poverty programs. The 90th Congress will look even harder, and programs involving churches may be the first to go as the operations are trimmed.

Elementary Education

Elementary Education: Expect little new legislation, and look for some tightening of administrative procedures where problems of church and state have arisen.

Higher Education: Business as usual unless the courts produce a change in legislative thinking. But Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ark.) vowed to this reporter that unless Congress "shifts to sounder constitutional ground in presenting education bills" he will, with the presentation of every such bill in the House of Representatives, "present what the courts have said and done in this area of church-related education." He declared, "We have built a vast superstructure on sands, from the point of view of good education. The foundation is even more frightening when considered in the light of the First Amendment and its guarantee of religious liberty."

Judicial Review A bill which would "provide for the enforcement of the First Amendment," providing for a citizen to challenge appropriations to church-related institutions, will be introduced in the Senate early in the year. It will be essentially the same bill that passed the Senate last year but never got out of committee in the House. It will glide through the Senate with little opposition, and its prospects in the House look better than they were last year. Harold Howe II, U. S. Commissioner of Education, said he would welcome a court test to resolve the difficult constitutional problems surrounding public aid to church institutions.

Right To Work Most as a gesture to improve its strained relations with organized labor, the White House probably will again recommend that the Congress repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act. If it should pass no state could then enact a "right-to-work" law, but Congress is expected to reject the proposal again.

Dallas Baptists Appoint Man As 'Trouble Shooter'

DALLAS (RNS) — The Dallas Baptist Association has named a new executive to help revitalize the activities of its 230 member Southern Baptist congregations and missions, and to "trouble shoot" special problem areas and concerns.

Appointed to the post was Dr. J. Woodrow Fuller, assistant pastor of First Baptist church in downtown Dallas and an authority on denominational trends. He will serve as assistant superintendent of the Association's Department of Missions and Survey.

His responsibilities include helping congregations select and purchase sites for new buildings and encourage churches to develop more complete schedules of activities.

Dr. Fuller's appointment followed a recent disclosure that membership in the Association's churches in Dallas County has remained relatively static. Last year these churches gained only about 4,400 members, some 2,000 fewer than usual. With 185,000 members, Southern Baptists are easily the largest religious group in the country.

The Association also reported that a specialist would be named soon to cope with knotty problems in "declining areas" and in apartment ministry. Rev. Ralph L. Bacon, superintendent of missions said that Baptists have been concerned with the dif-

Handicaps Book By Dr. Chester Swor Now Ready

NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT, a book on handicaps written by Dr. Chester Swor, was released by Broadman Press on January 3, 1967. This book, long in the planning and "growing", is a book which thousands of people have urged Dr. Swor to write. From the crucible of his own experience and from a nationwide selection of experiences of people who have triumphed over handicaps, Dr. Swor has prepared this volume.

Whereas most books on handicaps deal exclusively with physical handicaps, NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT includes a wider scope. One-third of the book deals with physical handicaps, while the remainder of the book deals with other kinds of handicaps: successive failures, serious mistakes in the past, closed doors — frustrations of hopes and plans, sorrow and loss, "Job's Children" (those who have had multiple difficulties) and the mistaken concept that old age is a handicap. One chapter is titled "Demons and Angels" and deals with help and hindrances in overcoming handicaps. Another chapter shares the author's experiences with handicaps.

An aspect of unusual interest in NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT is that handicapped people assisted in its production. The front jacket is taken from a design done by a muscular dystrophy victim; the chapter-heading designs are taken from drawings by a paralyzed artist who did the

drawings with a brush held between her teeth; the back jacket carries a picture of the paralyzed artist at work; the title poem was done by a bed-ridden, lame, deaf poetess; and one of the final drafts of the manuscript was done by a handicapped stenographer.

Dr. Swor reports that an unusually fine interest was indicated by the people, publications, and presses from which he obtained permissions to quote in the book. Therefore, it is his hope that the book will perform a wide and significant ministry to the multitudes of our citizens who have handicaps of varying kinds.

In addition to the author's being a Mississippian, these Mississippians are mentioned by name in the book: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fair of Louisville (who are mentioned in the ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS as sponsors), Mrs. Elsie Mangum Gunter (who did the design for the front jacket), Miss Jeannette Barksdale, Miss Gwin Shelton, Miss Tommie Goins, and Mrs. Stephenson (Beloved "Miss Lena"). Listed as contributors of one or more of the true-life stories presented in NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT are Dr. and Mrs. Roy McGlamery of Ripley, Dr. Howard Aultman of Columbia, Mrs. Mae H. Owens of Pontotoc, and Mrs. James H. Street of Newton.

NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT is available in all Baptist Book Stores and in other stores which carry Broadman books.



FLAMES LEAP from the steeple of First Church, Purvis.

AT PURVIS—Five-Year-Old Structure Almost Totally Destroyed

(From The Lamar County News)

Gutted and charred, First Church of Purvis today stands as a grim reminder of the holocaust that swept the modern structure early Wednesday morning, Dec. 28.

The blaze, which was believed to have started in the heating and air-conditioning unit, was first discovered between 6 and 6:30 a. m. when bellows of smoke became noticeable out of the louvers of the steeple and educational building. Spreading rapidly, the blaze soon broke through the roof, causing the steel beams to buckle and threatening to dump the tall steeple down into the sanctuary.

Estimated loss by Rev. Warren O. Langworthy has been placed at between 200,000 and 300,000 dollars. This includes the structure and fixtures that were not saved. Destroyed were ten pianos, all the pews in the sanctuary and educational items in the hundreds. Saved from the blaze were the pulpit furniture, choir robes and organ.

Although covered by insurance, the loss was deeply felt by both members and non-members of the church.

Battling against overwhelm-

ing odds, volunteers from Purvis tried in vain to stem the raging blaze until help arrived from Lumberton and from Hattiesburg. Both the Lumberton Fire Department and the Hattiesburg crew valiantly fought to save part of the education building and succeeded in saving a portion on the west side of the building. Also playing a major part in the fighting was a unit from the Gulf Refinery.

Until the structure is rebuilt plans are being formulated to hold services in the old building across the street from the church. Offers from the Purvis Methodist Church, the Good Hope Baptist Church, the Bellevue Baptist Church and several others have been extended to members to come and worship until the church is rebuilt.

Nothing definite has been made on plans to begin reconstruction.

Pastor Warren O. Langworthy states:

"We have been hurt terribly in the loss of our physical plant, but at this writing our old building has been cleaned and repaired and made ready for our worship services. We worshipped in the old building Sunday, Jan-

uary 1, 1967.

"The Sunday school of our church was held in the old church, the courthouse, the city hall, in homes and even in a barber shop, but it met."

"The First Baptist Church would like to express appreciation for the many gifts that have been sent and for the multitude of cards and letters pledging prayer and assistance."

Life Raft Used For Baptistry

Faith Baptist Church, in Nhatrang, Vietnam, customarily uses the ocean for baptizing. But on December 4, due to high winds and waves at sea, a U. S. Air Force life raft was filled with water to provide a substitute baptistry.

Six Vietnamese and an American sergeant were baptized in the large, round, inflatable raft, which was borrowed with the aid of a chaplain.

Rev. Walter A. Routh, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary pastor of Faith Church, performed the baptisms. The church was expected to call a Vietnamese pastor in December.

Mass Evangelism Continues In 1967

Baptists in more than a dozen lands where Southern Baptist missionaries serve plan special evangelistic efforts for 1967, and the first of these will start at a poignantly fitting time and place — on Easter Sunday morning in Jerusalem, Jordan, at the "Garden Tomb," believed by some people to have been the scene of the burial and resurrection of Jesus.

There Dr. Claude Rhea, of

Houston, Tex., will give a concert, first in a series of concerts scheduled during a week of preparation for the April 2-9 evangelistic campaign of Jordanian Baptists.

Following close on the Jordan meetings are campaigns in Japan (April 16-May 14) and Indonesia (May 21-July 16). October will be another busy month, with a simultaneous effort in the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda (October 1-29) and nationwide campaigns in Portugal (October 8-22), France (dates not yet finalized), and Chile (October 15-November 5).

Baptists in Zambia and Malawi have tentatively planned meetings related to the campaign in East Africa. Baptists in the Philippines, who anticipate a nationwide effort in 1968, have islandwide campaigns scheduled on Luzon and Mindanao in 1967. And in Mexico, 1967 will see six regional campaigns, to be followed by six more in 1968.

Preachers, musicians, or laymen from the United States will assist in several

of these projects, and several will be enhanced by the witness of Christians from countries which Southern Baptists consider mission fields.

Jordanian Baptists hope that the choir of Musaitbeh Baptist Church, in Beirut, Lebanon, may assist in their campaign. Dr. John B. Falconer, an American Negro who is pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia, Liberia, has been invited as principal speaker in pre-campaign rallies in East Africa, where preachers from other African nations will serve as evangelists. Miss Maria Luisa Cantos, of Spain, is to give advance concerts in Chile (as will Dr. Rhea).

Fifteen preachers from Latin American countries will be guest evangelists in Chile; nationals from neighboring countries will assist in Indonesia; and men from Brazil and Spain (as well as the U.S.) will preach in Portugal.

Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has had a hand

in these efforts from the early planning stages onward.

Special projects other than evangelism are planned in several countries. Baptists of Guyana, seeking to nurture the nearly 800 persons who made professions of faith in Christ during an evangelistic campaign in October, 1966, have scheduled special emphases in religious education, doctrinal study, and Christian growth in March, July, and October, 1967. Dr. George R. Wilson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong, will help in March, and Dr. John W. Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in July.

Lebanese Baptist expect to have a religious education emphasis during 1967. And in Ghana, Baptists have planned stewardship conferences and pilot programs for next fall. Mr. Underwood and Rev. Nilson Panini, of Niteroi, Brazil, will assist.

In many lands Baptists are already looking beyond 1967. Italian and German Baptists have scheduled evangelistic

campaigns for the spring of 1968. Nigerian Baptists anticipate stewardship conferences and pilot programs in the fall of that year. And in North, Central, and South America preparation advances for the Crusade of the Americas in 1969. Baptists of 25 countries have pledged support to this mammoth endeavor to influence the entire western hemisphere for Christ.



Claude Rhea



J. B. Underwood

Japan Organizes For 1970 Congress

Japanese Baptists have begun preparing to be hosts to their brethren from around the world in 1970, when Tokyo will be the site of the 12th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance.

A Baptist World Congress preparation committee was organized December 12, with Dr. Shuichi Matsumura as chairman, Dr. William H. (Dub) Jackson, Jr., coordinating secretary, Masayuki Sawano, treasurer, and Yoshikazu Nakajima, secretary.

Four Baptist groups were represented at the organi-

zational meeting, reports Dr. Jackson, a Southern Baptist missionary. Dr. Matsumura is chairman of the evangelism department of the Japan Baptist Convention and Mr. Nakajima is executive secretary of the Convention, which is related to Southern Baptist mission work. Mr. Sawano is with the Japan Baptist Union, related to mission work of the American Baptist Convention. Others at the meeting came from churches related to the work of the North American Baptist General Conference and the Baptist General Con-

ference of America.

The committee will cooperate with Baptist World Alliance officials in getting ready for the 1970 gathering. Negotiations are in progress for hotel space and a meeting hall, and Baptists have been assured they can secure a 16,000-seat air-conditioned auditorium that was used for the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo, says Dr. Jackson.

Chairman Matsumura, a BWA vice-president, has expressed hope that the 1970 Congress will provide impetus to Asian Baptists for a great missionary thrust.

Church Membership Is Up

(Continued from Page 1)

cultural and nationality groups served. Roman Catholics and a few Protestant bodies count all baptized persons, including children. Most Protestant denominations include only those who have attained

full membership, usually persons over 13.

The 1965 figures are based on reports received from 251 religious bodies, one more than the previous year. The newly added group is an evangelistic association with six small churches in New Jersey. Four pastors and a membership of 200.

A breakdown of total church membership shows 69,088,183 Protestants in 222 denominations—a gain of 778,705 over 1964, or 1.1 per cent.

The figure for Roman Catholics is given as 46,246,175, an increase of 605,446 or 1.3 per cent. Statistics for other major religious bodies in 1965 are Eastern Orthodox, 3,172,163; Jews, 5,600,000; Old Catholics, Polish National Catholics, and Armenian Church of America, 483,901; and Buddhists, 32,000.

Membership in the NCC's 30 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox constituents was 41,946,590, but this total rose to 42,637,928 by the end of 1966 with the addition of four new members in the interdenominational organization.

233 Bodies Participate

It was reported by 233 bodies that they operated 294,618 Sunday or Sabbath schools in 1965 with 3,799,765 teachers and officers and a total enrollment of 46,856,391.

Protestant churches, traditionally emphasizing Sunday school, account for 90 per cent of this total number of students, or 41,539,495, about the same as in previous years.

According to the Yearbook, there were 4,856,653 Catholic public school children receiving religious instructions on a released time basis in 1965, compared with 4,590,227 the previous year.

A separate table prepared by the American Institute of Public Opinion shows that church attendance has been slowly, but steadily, declining since 1958. These annual figures, based on a national sample of adults, remained at 47 per cent from 1959-61, dropped to 46 per cent in 1962-63, then to 45 per cent in 1964 and 44 per cent in 1965. All-time highs were in 1955 and 1958 with 49 per cent.

In another table church membership is indicated as a percentage of population since 1850, when it was 16 per cent. This percentage rose to 23 in 1860, dropped to 18 in 1870, gained to 22 in 1880 and to 36 in 1900.

Protestants constituted 27 per cent of the U. S. population in 1926, 33.8 per cent in 1950, 35.4 per cent in 1960, and 35.6 per cent in 1965. Catholics have increased from 16 per cent in 1926 to 18.9 per cent in 1950, 23.3 per cent in 1960, and 23.8 per cent in 1965.

A U. S. Department of Commerce table shows a decrease in the value of new religious building — from \$1 billion in 1964 to \$985,000,000 in 1965. The peak in new construction was reached in 1962 with \$1,035,000,000.

Six denominations reported more than three million members in 1965. These are: Southern Baptist Convention, 10,770,573; The Methodist Church, 10,331,574; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (Negro), 5,500,000; Protestant Episcopal Church, 3,410,657; United Presbyterian Church, 3,410,657; United Methodist Church, 3,304,321; and Lutheran Church in America, 3,142,752. With the exception of the Southern Baptists, all are members of the NCC.

U.S.A. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
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8. National Baptist Convention of America	2,668,799
9. American Lutheran Church	2,541,546
10. Churches of Christ	2,350,000
11. United Church of Christ	2,070,413
12. Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)	1,918,471
13. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	1,789,175
14. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America	1,770,000
15. American Baptist Convention	1,495,326

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Priests In Baptist Pulpits

The third most important Southern Baptist news story of 1966 as reported on page one of this issue of the Record, is "Baptist-Catholic Relationships." While there were several stories which made up this general category, it is probably that the one which attracted the most attention as far as news is concerned, was that of a Roman Catholic priest filling the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida, one Sunday last fall.

This story aroused much interest across the Southern Baptist Convention. Several state papers carried editorials concerning it, a number of articles appeared, the issue still is being discussed in the "Letters to the Editor" columns, and it is reported that some pastors dealt with it in their pulpits. We have seen only one published article approving the action.

Conferences and consultations, and working together by Baptists, Roman Catholics and others is one thing, but a priest occupying a Baptist pulpit at a regular worship service is quite another. There long have been meetings between Baptist preachers and Roman Catholic priests. Often they have labored together on committees, discussed common problems, and have maintained fellowship, understanding and respect in these areas. Events within the Roman Catholic Church in recent years have increased the number of these contacts.

The inviting of a man of diametrically opposing doctrinal position to fill a Baptist pulpit in a regular worship service is altogether something else, however, and we can understand why many Baptists are disturbed about it. Moreover, we are convinced that many Catholics would not approve.

Of course, full recognition must be given to the autonomy of each church, and the right of any church to invite whom it will to fill its pulpit. This, however,

does not preclude the right of other Baptists to question the wisdom of such action, and to be concerned about it. Churches, like individuals, cannot live their lives, or conduct their ministry, without considering what effect their actions may have on others. Many Baptists fear what such action will mean to Baptist witness.

Although he may be a man of finest character, and of deep spiritual experience, a Catholic priest, if he is true to his vows, does not believe and preach many of the doctrines held by Baptists. There is some general agreement on teachings concerning God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, and some others, but there is sharp divergence of belief on the doctrines of the church, salvation, church-state relations, and many others.

According to its own published statements, the Roman Catholic Church believes that it is the true church of Christ; that the pope is the Vicar of Christ; that salvation is in Christ through the church and the sacraments; that salvation is "nourished" through the Eucharist and other sacraments; that a person is made a child of God through baptism; that Mary has a role in salvation; that salvation is conditional, and can be lost; that the church should under certain conditions, receive tax support for its institutions; and numerous other teachings which Baptists do not accept.

The Roman Catholic has every right to believe and preach these things. All men are free to interpret the Bible for themselves, and to worship God as they will.

This does not mean, however, that Baptists must accept or approve of these doctrines, simply because Roman Catholics teach them. Neither does it mean that a man who believes them should be given the freedom of a Baptist pulpit.

Christian fellowship, conversation and discussion relative to beliefs, and community services on special occasions, such as Thanksgiving, by people of varying beliefs, certainly are acceptable to most Baptists. However, a Baptist preacher in a Roman Catholic pulpit, or a Roman Catholic priest in a Baptist pulpit, in a worship service, even in the name of ecumenism, neither strengthens Christian witness, nor enhances Christian fellowship.

True Christian unity, and spiritual fellowship, will be much better strengthened and enlarged, by churches standing by their convictions, and preaching the truth as they believe it, rather than by a sham, ecumenical fellowship, which is not solidly based on doctrinal foundations.

Headlines

Headlines of two stories appearing in Jackson papers last week raised a question in many minds.

A story on Wednesday was headlined "Drivers Set Bloody Record on State Roads in 1966." There followed the report that 820 deaths on Mississippi highways in 1966 already had been reported, and officials were quoted as estimating that the figure might reach 835. The paper said that this is an increase of 22% over the 673 deaths in 1965.

On Friday a headline read "Legal Liquor Profit High." This captioned a story which told of how that Mississippi sold more than \$12,000,000 worth of liquor at wholesale prices during the first five months of legalization, and that the state had made more than \$4,630,000 in liquor profit and taxes during the period.

The question raised in many minds is whether there is any connection between these two stories. Of course, it is too early to say at this time, since not enough information has been made available to make an accurate analysis. Perhaps when all of the facts and records are released, the relationship, or lack of relationship, will be clear.

However, the usual connection between liquor consumption and highway deaths is already well documented. The brochure "Stop Murder By Motor," a 1966 publication of the American Trial Lawyers Association, says on page 5, "Drinking is a factor in more than 55% of all fatal motor-vehicle accidents." This statement is in line with reports which have come from National Safety Council and other surveys made across the nation and in many states.

If the same percentage holds true in Mississippi, and there is no reason to believe that it does not, then liquor was involved in the death of more than 400 persons on Mississippi highways in 1966.

Is not that a rather high price for Mississippians to pay for a few millions of dollars of tax money?

There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what has happened.—Highways of Happiness

Faith may remove mountains, but only hard work can put a tunnel through.—Kay Dee, Cincinnati Enquirer



PRAYER FOR COCKTAIL CHRISTIANS

I got a little publicity out of it and some criticism, but I still think it was a good deal.

This man came to me and asked if I would deliver the invocation at a convention banquet. I said I could. He told me the dinner would be maybe a little late. "The cocktail party is at six and it is hard to get them out of there."

Then I gave him the condition. "I'll be glad to deliver the invocation—if you'll mail a check for \$100 to the Baptist Children's Home." You should have seen his eyes. They looked like two newly polished nickels.

"You mean to tell me you charge a hundred dollars just to ask the blessing at a meeting?"

"No," I said, "I'll pray for nothing, but my idea of a preacher's wasting his time is praying over a bunch of people who have spent the last hour and a half drinking liquor."

The man began to laugh. Something seemed to hit his funny bone. "We'll just take you up on that proposition," he said, still laughing. "But I'll tell you right now, we're going to expect our money's worth."

I judged by that remark he wanted an invocation that would cover a good deal of the earth and most of the people in it. After all, a hundred dollars worth of prayer is a good sized order.

The meeting got started just a little late; some of the folks even brought their drinks from the bar to the table. He called on me for the invocation.

There were just fourteen words, counting the "Amen." Here it is:

"Lord, be patient with these silly people. Have mercy upon their guilty souls. Amen." You could have heard a feather fall.

Later on in the hall the laughing man said, "You didn't commend us to Him, did you?" He thought I had been a little hard on them. "Some of the folks are good Christian people, and active in their churches back home."

"Maybe so," I agreed, "but a good Christian looks mighty silly standing with his head bowed in prayer, a highball in one hand and a hymn book in the other."

He recovered his good humors. He smiled and said, "I'll bet you this is the most pay you ever got for a prayer."

He was wrong. "I've had far higher pay than that," I said.

Once I agreed to meet two other preachers every day at sundown and pray for the "town drunkard." Months passed. We didn't miss a day. We saw no results.

Then came the fall revival. One cold, blustery night the town drunkard walked into the church. Later, he walked down the aisle, gave the preacher his hand—and to God his heart and life.

A hundred dollars is just money. You can't buy what I felt in my heart that rainy night.

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Newest In Books

Swor: Neither Down Nor Out

NEITHER DOWN NOR OUT by Chester E. Swor (Broadman, 100 pp., \$3.25).

The long awaited volume by Dr. Swor on the faith and victorious living of handicapped people now is ready. Many friends had known that this book was in preparation. It is probable that few Southern Baptists have a wider acquaintance with people who have overcome handicaps to achieve their goals in life, or to make a worthy contribution to the society in which they live. Here their stories are told, and their faith, courage, and determination, are chronicled for others. Here

one meets people who faced what, by all odds, were insurmountable difficulties, and no one would have blamed them if they simply had quit. But they didn't quit, and what they have done, and are doing, is a challenge to all others, whether handicapped or not. The reader meets with those who are blind, deaf, stricken with polio or other crippling diseases, bed-fast, victims of tragic accidents, have passed through deep sorrow, and others. Dr. Swor tells their stories and probes for the secret of the faith, determination and motivation which carried them on to vic-

tory. He reveals the Christian faith, and the God given strength which characterizes them all. He reaches back into history to point out others who overcame handicaps. Out of those experiences he makes applications to the life of each reader, that he too may find a way of victorious living, whatever hindrance may come. In the last chapter the author reveals a bit of the story of his own life, which also was "down but not out." Illustrations for the book were by one of the "victorious" persons. The book is different from Dr. Swor's other books, but reading it will be an adventure and a blessing.

ship, is a Southern Baptist missionary to Africa. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. His favorite relaxation is big game hunting; he has done graduate work in African history.

IF YOU TALK TO TEENS by Louis O. Caldwell (Baker, paperback, 149 pp., \$1.95).

This source book for youth leaders was compiled to help busy youth workers—ministers, teachers, writers, directors, parents—by making available youth-centered material that has already "worked." It includes anecdotes, quotes, poems, illustrations, proverbs, statistics, and facts.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 16—J. L. Boyd, Executive Secretary.

January 17—Jimmy Lampkin, Baptist Book Store; Virgil Ratcliff, Leake County superintendent of missions.

January 18—Percy Barnett, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Ola V. Barnett, staff, Children's Village.

January 19—Harold L. St. Gemme, Baptist student director, Hinds County Association; Mrs. James B. McElroy, Clarke College faculty.

January 20—Betty Smith, Baptist Building; Bobbie Reed, Baptist Building.

January 21—Mary E. Crenshaw, faculty, Blue Mountain College; James C. Downey, faculty, William Carey College.

January 22—Mrs. Marguerite Powers, librarian, Gilroy School of Nursing; J. B. Parker, chaplain, Baptist Hospital.

THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD by Oliver Goldsmith, 205 pp., 50c; LES MISERABLES by Victor Hugo, 520 pp., 75c; FATHERS AND SONS by Ivan Turgenev, 217 pp., 50c; LE MORTE D'ARTHUR by Sir Thomas Malory 427 pp., 75c; HENRY ESOMOND by William Makepeace Thackeray, 408 pp., 50c; THE RISE OF SILAS LAPHAM by William Dean Howells, 314 pp., 75c; PERE GORIOT by Honore de Balzac, 279 pp., 50c; VANITY FAIR by William Makepeace Thackeray, 746 pp., 95c; LE MORTE D'ARTHUR by Sir Thomas Malory, 427 pp., 75c; GULLIVER'S TRAVELS by Jonathan Swift, 300 pp., 50c; THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY by Henry James, 560 pp., 95c; THE ORDEAL OF RICHARD FEVEREL by George Meredith, 501 pp., 75c; CANDIDE by Voltaire, 125 pp., 50c; BILLY BUDD by Herman Melville, 95 pp., 50c; SENSE AND SENSIBILITY by Jane Austen, 332 pp., 50c; EMMA by Jane Austen, 430 pp., 50c; THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 215 pp., 50c; TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES by Thomas Hardy, 432 pp., 50c; CRIME AND PUNISHMENT by Fyodor Dostoevsky, 574 pp., 75c; A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO SUPPLEMENTARY READING (Collated Teacher's Manual No. 1 to Collateral Classics) by Harry Sheffer, 306 pp., 95c; Washington Square Press, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, has recently released these and other Collateral Classics editions, in paperback, with colorful art covers. Each classic has a study supplement in the center section, with numerous illustrations that help the reader visualize people, places, and customs in their authentic historical setting. Included, too, are extensive sections on vocabulary development, literary allusions, critical re-

views, and explanatory notes. A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO SUPPLEMENTARY READING helps the English teacher to solve some of his most serious problems concerning pupils' reading. These are the great classics, at a price practically anyone could afford.

ECHOES FROM INTERCESSION by Elva McAllister (Moody, 61 pp., 95 cents, paperback).

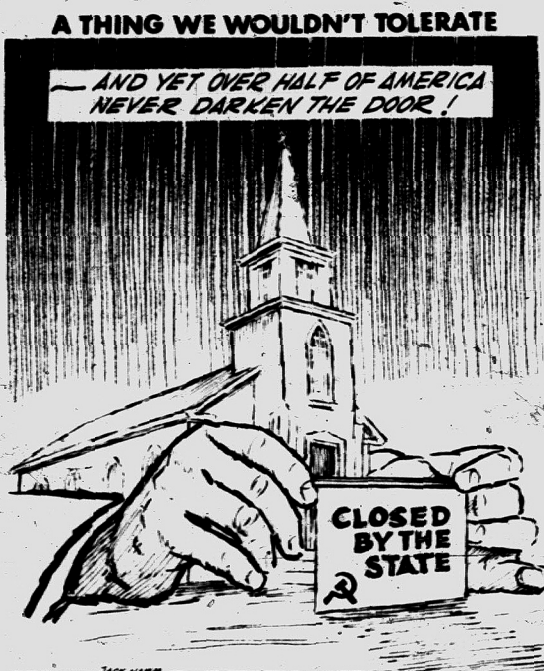
This book, another of Moody's Devotionals Series, is a book of poetry and pictures. The poems express prayer, thoughts and the pictures are of actual scenes in nature, scenes of exquisite beauty. The cover shows a robin nesting in a pink dogwood tree.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT by Sam Shoemaker (Zondervan, 147 pp., \$2.95).

A Christian, so to speak, is "under new management," and here the writer speaks of the Christian's adventure of living under new management as "an exciting exploration of limitless horizons." He likens the commitment of self to the way a ship commits itself to the ocean.

FLAME OF ANGER by Eric Clark (Zondervan, 252 pp., \$3.95).

A novel of Africa in ferment this is an attempt to tell the moving and profound story of a people at war with themselves—to portray something of the reality of the human agony of change and of a young girl's life and death struggle with primitive customs. The story is written against the background of the terrible East African drought of 1960-61, of a Congo erupted in flames and the maelstrom of political events leading to Kenya's independence in 1963. Most of the incidents and events related are based on actual happenings. The author, a native of England, who acquired U. S. citizen-



The Baptist Forum

Cause For Concern

Dear Dr. Odle:

The other day two of us were drinking coffee in a restaurant when a friend with whom we were talking introduced us to the friend with him. Upon proceeding with the casual conversation, the new "friend" shared with us some facts which should be labeled, cause for concern.

Upon completing twenty years in service this gentleman went into the beer business as a distributor. How happy he was to meet a minister and state, "at one time I felt called into the ministry!" He went to a Baptist college and went into military service upon graduation believing that later he perhaps would attend seminary. He liked the military so well that he made this into a career. His new career is the cause for concern.

Imagine a man relating his conversion experience (?), the where and when of his baptism, his serious thoughts about the ministry and having a beer pin in his lapel while talking the language of Zion. This is a commentary on

Something... is happening in the lifetime of those now living. There seems to be a prevailing sentiment of indifference (at best) and cynicism (at worst). The old answers simply do not speak to the new questions. We have a generation that seems to be fed up on the old diet, but starving for want of a nourishing substitute. — Ralph L. Murray in "Plumb Lines and Fruit Baskets," (Broadman Press, 1966).

the plight of our day. Most "beer people" are church members. Most claim to be Christians. In many cases their families are active in some church. Is not this type of situation, the inconsistencies of our lives, the thing that's hurting our witness today more than anything else? May God help us to have a profession and a practice that are one and the same.

Americans Can No Longer Feed World

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The United States' food surplus is no longer sufficient to feed the world's hungry, says the State Department's top food expert.

"For the first time," said Richard W. Reuther, "the United States itself is unable to fill the deficit made up of needs of India and other claimant countries."

Republican Senator Jack Miller of Iowa was quoted by Associated Press as stating that President Johnson's delay in ordering emergency food shipments to India probably forced the Soviet Union to contribute some supplies and also encouraged other nations to participate. He said if U. S. officials had acted sooner to feed India's hungry, other nations would have waited "and let the United States carry the whole load."

President Johnson was reported at the Texas White House to be planning to ask Congress to approve a long-term food aid program.

PERSPECTIVE

"THE BASIC MORALITY"

Recently I conducted a simple funeral for a man with a prison record. Not a single rose, carnation, or lily graced his plain coffin. Not one relative was present. At the cemetery, his parole officer described him to me. "Jim (name fictitious) never knew what it meant for others to love and care for him. But he gradually evolved a family in his imagination. He gave them names and would tell me, for example, that his daughter came to see him last week, or that he was going to his uncle's for Thanksgiving. But none of these people were real, except in his imagination."

Jim's desire for love and affection reveals a basic human trait: we want to be loved. We bask in it, delight in it, welcome it. It is a natural desire. But merely to be a passive recipient of love is not the Christian ideal. We say, "I want to be loved." God says, "Thou shalt love." This is why Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with one's total being, and that the second greatest is to love one's neighbor as himself.

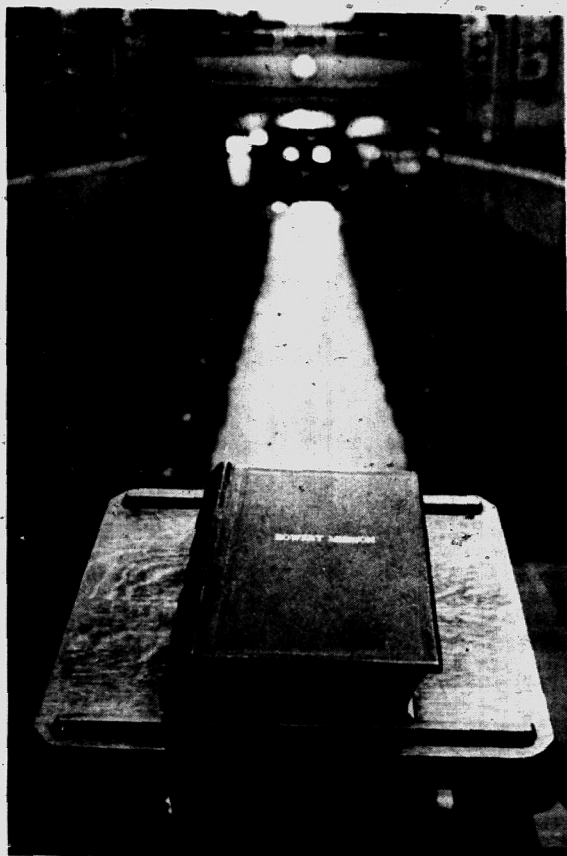
Or stated another way, "Love for God is something you do for your brother." 1 John 4:20 asks, "for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" And in describing the final judgment, Jesus commended the righteous because they have fed the hungry, visited the imprisoned, clothed the naked, nursed the sick. Pity and sympathy are not enough. Yes, love is a feeling toward someone. But love is only valid when it becomes an act for someone.

Dallas College Gets Gift Of \$436,000

DALLAS, Tex. (BP) — Dallas Baptist College has received a gift of \$436,000—the largest since the college moved to Dallas in the fall of 1966.

Delmo L. Johnson, Sr., chairman of the development committee of the Board of Trustees, said the gift, presented to the college by donors who wish to remain anonymous, will be applied to the overall development program of the college and will permit construction to begin in January on the college's physical education building.

The building is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1967. It will include both athletic and auditorium facilities.



THE BOWERY MISSION

This is the sanctuary of the Bowery Mission in New York City, where men of the street are free to come and worship three times a day. At the evening service, the men who are a part of the mission's rehabilitation program sit to the right clean and shaven, chatting and smiling with hope and serving as a living example to those who stumble drunkenly in off the street to sit on the other side of the aisle. Free soup and sandwiches are served after the service to those who are not in the program.



NO GUFF, NO PAMPERING

Maynard, shown outside the mission with men of the street, takes no guff and does no pampering—and as a result he is respected by the alcoholics. When the men finally do decide to enter the mission program, they find constructive help: they are kept busy working inside the building, then helped to get work on the outside, often remaining in residence at the mission until they gain confidence. Maynard, Sunday School superintendent at Manhattan Baptist Church, often escorts the men to church.

Baptist Broadcasts Slated For Surinam

Early in December Rev. Harvey J. Kneisel, Jr., and Rev. Charles P. Love, Southern Baptist missionaries in Guyana, visited nearby Surinam to investigate the possibility of getting Baptist programs on radio and television there.

A CHANCE TO DRY OUT

Men on the street come every evening for soup and sandwiches, but if they want to participate in the mission's program of rehabilitation, they have to commit themselves for seven days in the building. There they are disinfected, given clean clothes, and fed vitamins and honey and hot food until they survive delirium tremens (hallucinations and other symptoms caused by withdrawal of alcohol from the system). Then they are put to work in the building. The man shown here came only for food.



FROM MADISON AVENUE

The man above apparently had whipped his problem with alcohol when he rose to the \$50,000-a-year bracket as an advertising artist on Madison Avenue. But for a reason he can't explain, he began drinking again after 10 years on the wagon and wound up on the Bowery jobless and without a family. With the scars of wine sores on his hands as the only visible sign of his years as an alcoholic, this man once again has set out to work his way up in the advertising field. He believes he is a Christian, but he fears emotional commitments.

IN VIETNAM—

Radio-TV Commission Furnishes Tapes For Worship Programs

The soldier rummaged around in his green bag searching for the small book. His hands grasped the tattered black leather cover. He opened the well-used pages that were no longer gilded as they had been when he graduated from high school—just two short years ago. Now, he was in a hostile nation trying to liberate a people who accused him of aggressive intervention. He opened the Bible to Matthew 24:6 and read, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of war: see that ye be not troubled." WAR. That was the word that had brought him to this hot, humid, hostile country—he and thousands of other young American men. Viet Nam—three years ago when he had studied world geography, he didn't even know this place existed—now he was here fighting, killing, seeing friends killed.

It had been a long day filled with close fighting, death, and sorrow. He couldn't hold back the tears at times. Strength to face the situation was what he needed. Comfort, a friendly voice from home, and inspiration. He missed his home, his girlfriend, his parents, even his ten-year old brother who he thought used to be such a pest. All were far removed. Now, his friend, indeed, was Jesus and His Word.

In situation like this, inspiration and closeness to Christ take on new significance. Faced with the possibility of death each day, soldiers turn to chaplains.

And chaplains are turning to an organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Radio-Television Commission.

Currently, the Educational Services Department of the Radio-Television Commission, under the direction of Theodore Lott, is providing Radio-Television Commission

programs suitable for tape music packages for chaplains to use in all parts of the world. These tapes and films are provided free of charge by the Radio-Television Commission. Twenty-eight of these chaplains are in Viet Nam, another 200 are situated in Africa, Europe, and the United States. Besides serving Armed Forces chaplains, these taped programs are serving chaplains in correctional institutions and hospitals.

The Radio-Television Commission program works with the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board, directed by Dr. George Cummins. The program of providing cost-free tapes and aid to chaplains has been in piecemeal operation for several years; however, it has enlarged 100 fold since August, 1965, Lott says.

One chaplain in Viet Nam called the programs provided him, "Thirty minutes in which the men can pause and thank God for protecting them." This same chaplain, John Ragland, plays two tapes—"Moments of Meditation" and "Music to Remember" each evening from 5:30 to 6:00, during the evening meal. "It is an inspiration to the men," he said, "to hear Joe Ann Shelton and Virginia Seeling sing such beautiful hymns as 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'."

The men worship in a hand-built chapel that seats sixty, the chaplain explained. "They appreciate hearing the two programs," he said.

The chaplain relates the remark of the commanding officer, a Roman Catholic, interested in the religious needs of his men. The commanding officer called the taped-worship services and sacred music "one of the greatest things ever in Ninth Motor."

In a time when we take the



privilege of worship too much for granted, it is enlightening to stop and realize that the privilege of worship is not always guaranteed men in combat. Through music tapes, such as those provided by Educational Services of the Radio-Television Commission, the voices of religious vocalists can add warmth and inspiration to worship services in jungles, barren deserts, aboard aircraft carriers, and even in the corridors of penal institutions.

Chaplains aboard ocean-bound vessels write for films to be used on closed-circuit television systems while the ship is at sea. Upon returning to the States, the chaplain returns the films and receives another assortment to be used on the next voyage. This way men at sea for months at a time can have an opportunity to view television offerings such as the "Answer" series films.

Chaplain John Lee Perry, chaplain aboard the aircraft carrier Oriskany, used Radio-Television Commission materials. When the Oriskany caught fire off the coast of

Saigon it cost the lives of 45 men. Chaplain Perry lost all his clothing, and all the records, tapes and films supplied by the Radio-Television Commission in the disastrous fire. He was safe but very concerned over the fate of the materials he considered so valuable a part of the ship's worship service.

Utilization of programs spills over denominational lines as many Baptist chaplains share their materials with fellow chaplains of all faiths. As the reputation of the program spreads, requests come to the Radio-Television Commission from all parts of the world.

Whether it is ministering to hardened criminals in prisons, aboard ocean-bound vessels, in a rice field in Viet Nam, or in a hospital ward in the United States, worship services have taken on a new sound with the addition of musical tape packages and films.

Always attuned to needs of contemporary man, your Radio-Television Commission is reaching out.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Miami Beach, Florida — May 30-June 2, 1967

Please fill out form completely and mail to:

SBC Housing Bureau
1700 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

All reservations must be cleared through the SBC Housing Bureau. Fill out this form completely. If your choices are not available, the Housing Bureau will make a reservation elsewhere as near your request as possible. Confirmations will come from the hotel/motel. NO MINIMUM RATES or any specific rates can be guaranteed when your reservation is confirmed.

HOTEL OR MOTEL PREFERENCES

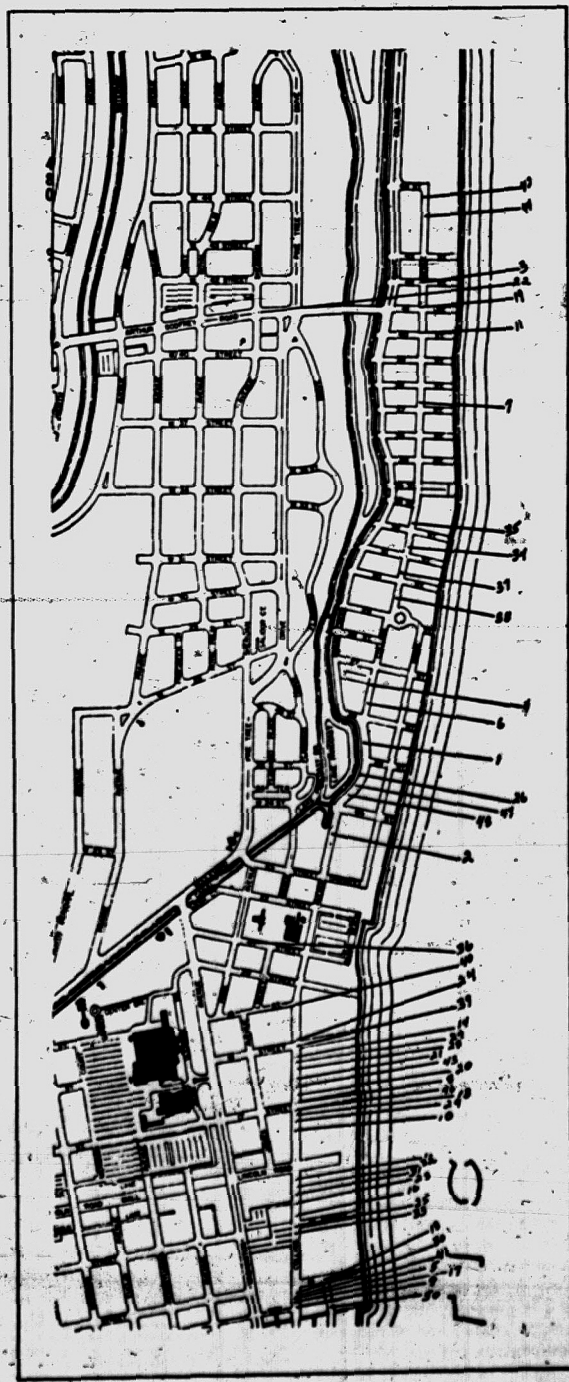
1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____
4th Choice _____
(Check One) _____
Single _____ Double _____
Twin _____ Parlor Bedroom Suite _____
ARRIVAL DATE _____ Time _____
DEPARTURE DATE _____

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL OCCUPANTS:
(Please bracket those sharing room)

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO:
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY & STATE _____

MIAMI BEACH HOTEL/MOTEL RATES (1967 Southern Baptist Convention)

HOTEL	ADDRESS	SINGLE	DOUBLE
1. Algiers Hotel	2555 Collins Ave.	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00
2. Ankara Hotel	2360 Collins Ave.	6.00	6.00
3. Atlantic Towers	4201 Collins Ave.	7-8	8-9
4. Atlantic Hotel	2644 Collins Ave.	7-8	9-11
5. Bancroft Hotel	1501 Collins Ave.	5.00	6.00
6. Belmar Motor Hotel	2613 Collins Ave.	7.00	8.00
7. Caribbean Hotel	3737 Collins Ave.	5.00	6.00
8. Catalina Hotel	1732 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
9. The Charles Hotel	1475 Collins Ave.	5.00	6.00
10. Claremont Hotel	1700 Collins Ave.	5.00	6.00
11. Continental Hotel	4000 Collins Ave.	6.00	8.00
12. Delano Hotel	1685 Collins Ave.	8.00	10.00
13. Dorset Hotel	1720 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
14. Fairlaid Hotel	1776 Collins Ave.	7.00	7.00
15. Fairmont Hotel	1000 Collins Ave.	4.00	5.00
16. The Georgian Hotel	1821 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
17. Jackson Hall Hotel	1500 Collins Ave.	7.00	8.00
18. The Jefferson Hotel	121 - 15th St.	5.00	6-7
19. Lucerne Hotel	4101 Collins Ave.	10.00	12-14
20. Marjorie Hotel	1741 Collins Ave.	7.00	8.00
21. Marine Hotel	1756 Collins Ave.	7.00	7.00
22. Moulton Ridge Hotel	280 Arthur Godfrey Rd.	7.00	8.00
23. National Hotel	1667 Collins Ave.	10.00	10.00
24. Nautilus Hotel	1825 Collins Ave.	9.10	10-12
25. New Yorker Hotel	1811 Collins Ave.	5.00	7.00
26. Promenade Hotel	2477 Collins Ave.	8.00	9.00
27. Raleigh Hotel	1773 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
28. Richmond Hotel	1757 Collins Ave.	6.00	6.00
29. Ritz Hotel	1701 Collins Ave.	5-6	7-8
30. Sea Isle Hotel	1545 Collins Ave.	7.00	8.00
31. Sagamore Hotel	1871 Collins Ave.	8.00	10.00
32. San Juan Hotel	1680 Collins Ave.	4.00	5.00
33. Seaside Hotel	1801 Collins Ave.	6.00	6.00
34. Sans Souci Hotel	3101 Collins Ave.	12.00	14.00
35. Saxony Hotel	3201 Collins Ave.	10.00	12-14
36. Sea Breeze Hotel	180 - 21st Street	5.00	6.00
37. Sea Isle Hotel	3001 Collins Ave.	9.10	12-14
38. Seville Hotel	2901 Collins Ave.	8.00	10-12
39. Shelburne Hotel	1801 Collins Ave.	10.00	12-14
40. Shore Club Hotel	1801 Collins Ave.	6.00	10-12
41. Shorecrest Hotel	1535 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
42. Sorrento Hotel	4391 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
43. South Seas Hotel	1751 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
44. Sovereign Hotel	4395 Collins Ave.	6.00	8-12
45. Statler Hotel	161 Ocean Drive	6.00	6.00
46. Surfcomber Hotel	1721 Collins Ave.	6.00	7.00
47. Surfside Plaza Hotel	2455 Collins Ave.	6-7	7-8
48. Trianon Hotel	2425 Collins Ave.	5.00	6.00
49. Venetian Isle Hotel	2425 Collins Ave.	9-11	9-11
50. White House Hotel	1451 Ocean Drive	6.00	6.00



A Baptist Preacher's War On The Bowery

(Reprinted from Home Missions Magazine)
HMB Photos by Don Rutledge

The Bowery—we've all heard of it. About the old winos who sleep in the doorways and stagger out into the street to wipe car windows for a few pennies; who spend their welfare checks on "Sneaky Pete" and go to the rescue mission for stable handouts; who, if they face a choice between spending their last half-buck on a bed or a bottle, choose the bottle, because without it they wouldn't sleep anyway. It's all true, and it brings tears to your eyes when you see it. About 85 percent of them, it is estimated, have done their brain irreparable damage and cannot really be helped. But at the Bowery Mission, a non-

denominational rescue mission operated by the Christian Herald Association, a Southern Baptist preacher—the first Southern Baptist director in the mission's 82-year history—wages a war on alcoholism that makes men again out of the other 15 percent and demonstrates Christian concern for those beyond repair. He is a tough, unconventional sort of man who had his own bout with alcohol. He has purged the old soup, soap, and salvation image of the mission and replaced it with an emphasis on physical workouts, realistic spiritual guidance, and work. These pictures will give you a bit of insight into the challenge Herbert Maynard has accepted and, according to the men he has helped, has met with success.

Presbyterian's Advice: Scrap Parsonage, And Help Minister Buy His Own Home

ATLANTA (EP)—Advice to the Protestant laity: why should your minister live in a church-owned parsonage? Why not help him buy his own home? Such help will reap benefits for both the congregation and the clergyman. This is the advice of a man who can speak with some authority on housing for clergymen and their families. He is the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church in Nashville

—the son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers. His suggestion was contained in the December issue of Presbyterian Survey. For the minister, wrote Mr. McGeachy, home ownership will help him become more fully a part of the community. "He needs to know what it means to pay real estate taxes, to serve on the jury, to get concerned about zoning laws, and to anguish over the troubles with the plumbing.

He will be better able to preach to his suburban congregation if he owns a suburban home."

A church which "gets out of the real estate business" and includes a housing allowance in the pastor's salary is being more realistic, he argued. "You will be able to take honest pride in what you are paying your preacher. When you add a housing allowance to his present salary you will be able to compare it far more favorable with the income of your elders and deacons. If he is buying a house, not living in somebody else's quarters, you are more likely to be treating him as his professional qualifications warrant."

It may even be cheaper for the church to pay "a substantial housing allowance" than cope with utilities, upkeep, basic costs, depreciation and the like. In any case, Mr. McGeachy argued, the housing allowance plan would permit church budgets to operate with a more constant figure—avoiding sudden repairs, redecorating for a new minister or similar expenses that must be taken into consideration.

Archaeologists Confirm Joshua's Victory In Promised Land

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Until the 1960's, archaeological evidence of historical events of 1,200 B.C. were never clarified. But now, says Dr. Paul W. Lapp, president of the board of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and consultant on antiquities to the Jordan Department of Antiquities for the U. S. Agency for International Development, findings confirm the fact that Joshua did indeed lead the exiled Israelites into the Promised Land of Canaan.

"There have been a large number of excavations in the last six years," the specialist said during an American tour, "which clearly stratify the material of the different stages of history. . . I think the history of Israel goes at least back to the time of (Joshua's) conquests about 1,200 B.C."

DAUPHIN WAY CALLS SCOTT

Douglas Scott began his ministry on January 2 as minister of music at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala. Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor. Mr. Scott was for the past four years minister of music and education at First Church, Columbia, Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor.

Reared in a Baptist parsonage, he graduated with distinction from Taylor University, Upland, Michigan, and received the Master's degree in music from the University of Michigan. During graduate study he served the South Baptist Church at Lansing, Michigan. He served for nine years in evangelistic music, during which time he traveled in 40 states, four Canadian provinces, and 13 European countries, working with Southern Baptists' leading evangelists.

EMERITUS MISSIONARY DIES AT 86

Mrs. George Green, 86, emeritus missionary to Nigeria, died Monday, January 2, in Danville, Va. Funeral services were to be held in Danville January 4.

Mrs. Green served in Nigeria for 38 years before her retirement in 1945. Her late husband was Southern Baptists' first medical missionary in Africa. Though she had no formal medical training, in their early days in Nigeria she acted as anesthetist, nurse, nurses' aide, and whatever else Dr. Green needed in the way of a medical assistant.

The former Lydia Williams, Mrs. Green was a native of Norfolk, Va., where she attended Mary Washington College (now located in Fredericksburg, Va.). She married Dr. Green (a native of England) on January 9, 1907, received missionary appointment 10 days later, and embarked for Nigeria before the end of the month.

She organized the first Woman's Missionary Union in Ogbomoso.

She also taught her four daughters, preparing them for later schooling in the States.

When the British Empire celebrated the 25th year of the reign of King George V, in 1935, she and Dr. Green were given Jubilee medals in recognition of their service to British subjects (Nigeria was then a British colony).

Dr. Green died in 1962.

Mrs. Green is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Lee A. Danville (with whom she made her home); Mrs. N. C. Napier, of Thaxton, Va.; Mrs. W. W. Anderson, of Austin, Tex.; and Mrs. S. G. Shepard, of Tupelo, Miss.; and by 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

L. G. Camp, Jr. Dies Following Auto Accident

Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., 38, pastor of Friendship Church in Grand Bay, Alabama, died December 16 in Mobile, Alabama, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident November 10. The funeral was December 19 in Mobile.

At the time of the accident he was on his way to speak at a Brotherhood meeting near Linden, Alabama. His automobile was involved in an accident with a truck near Mount Vernon, Alabama. He was thrown from the car and suffered a severe head injury.

He was a native Texan, and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He had held pastorates near Louisville, Mississippi, and at Batesville and Moss Point, Mississippi. For five years he was pastor at Klamath, California, just prior to moving to Grand Bay last January.

He is survived by his wife, the former Kittie Crenshaw, a native of Grand Bay, and four children: Luther, 17; Jeanette, 12; Jeff, 10; and Carl, 2. He also is survived by his parents and three sisters in Texas, and a sister in California.

100,000 Testaments Printed In Spanish

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House, in El Paso, Tex., has completed its first large-scale Scripture printing: 100,000 paperback copies of the New Testament.

The edition is entitled *El Camino de Vida* (The Way of Life). The burgundy and gold cover bears the characters for alpha and omega—the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a Christian symbol taken from Revelation 1:8. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord." Two ancient oriental lamps betoken the Scripture texts, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

The New Testament text was furnished by the British and American Bible Societies. Additional reference material was prepared by Rev. Adolfo Robledo, pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church of El Paso, and three Southern Baptist missionaries on the Publishing House staff. Dr. Frank W. Patterson, general director; Dr. Thomas W. Hill, secretary of the book department; and Rev. W. Judson Blair, director of the editorial division.

Dr. Patterson first considered printing Scriptures at the Publishing House more than two decades ago, when World War II curtailed the supply of Bibles and Testaments available through other sources. The decision to print the New Testament now was spurred by anticipation of the 1969 Crusade of the Americas, a gigantic evangelistic campaign in which Baptists of North, Central, and South America will participate. Designed for use by evangelistic workers, the new edition includes page references and footnotes, and has key verses printed in red ink.

The Baptist Bible Press in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (which has published Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture portions for years), and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., are considering the production of similar Christian workers' editions of the New Testament for the 1969 campaign.

Mississippi Duo To Attend Annuity Board Meeting

DALLAS — D. C. Applegate, pastor of First Church, Starkville, and Aven Whittington, layman from Greenwood, will represent Mississippi Baptists at the 49th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees on January 31 and February 1.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said the Mississippi trustees will join 62 other local and state trustees from 26 state conventions to hear reports on work accomplished in 1966.

For the first time in more than 45 years, a new president will preside. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will moderate. Westmoreland was elected president following the retirement of Wallace Bassett of Dallas, who completed a 48 year tenure as trustee and president of the Board.

McCool Church Honors Pastor



McCool honors pastor—Shown above are Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Wooten, pastor and wife at McCool Church, with chairman of deacons, B. B. Boyd, presenting to them a silver tray commemorating their almost five and a half years' service at McCool. In addition, the church gave the Wootens a check of \$50 for a Christmas gift. In making the presentation, Mr. Boyd said, in part, "Your faithful service as pastor and pastor's wife... your ever present concern for the lost, your comfort and consolation for the bereaved, your encouragement extended to those in need, and your consecrated lives as shining examples of true Christians have been a constant inspiration to all who have known you. We, the members of the McCool Church regret that we cannot reward you financially as you deserve, but we hope that you will accept this small token of our love and esteem with the assurance that we hold you very dear in our hearts and shall always be grateful for your contribution to this community."



IN THE SHOPS of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, in El Paso, Texas, Dr. Frank W. Patterson (in dark suit), Southern Baptist missionary director of the institution, and other workers inspect a newly printed sheet of the New Testament. The Publishing House recently completed production of a 100,000-copy paperback Spanish edition of the New Testament, designed especially for use in evangelistic work. (Photo by Matthew A. Sanderford)



Southern Baptist Missionary Matthew A. Sanderford, treasurer of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, with keepsake gavel made from a wooden skid which held paper for the 100,000-copy edition of the Spanish New Testament recently printed at the Publishing House. (Photo by Mr. Sanderford)

Annuity Board Offers Pastors Tax Booklet

DALLAS — Any ordained minister who desires information for filing 1966 returns may have a copy of the 11th annual income tax guide booklet from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary of the Annuity Board, said the booklet "Minister's Guide for 1966 Income Tax" is designed to help the minister whose income is primarily from salary and fees from ministerial activities.

The booklet is available free on a first come first serve basis due to the limited number available, Chaffin said.

When the minister writes for the booklet, the only request the Annuity Board makes is that he send his Zip Code with his address. To save on postage, all booklets are mailed third class, which under the new postal regulations require that Zip Codes be included in addresses, Chaffin said.

Requests should be addressed to: Minister's Income Tax Guide, Annuity Board, SBC, Room 315, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.



ENLISTMENT

"Times change, styles change and I've changed too!" So begins one of the frequently-seen T. V. commercials of the day.

We need to apply the same idea to our method of enlisting women for membership and full participation in Woman's Missionary Society or as leaders of one of the youth organizations. Basic principles never change; methods by which we fulfill the principles may — and should — change from time to time.

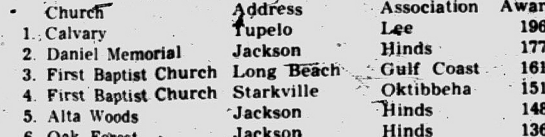
We are becoming increasingly aware that many women in our churches are working outside the home. In several sections of our state, noon-time societies are reaching the employed Baptist women in the town in a very effective way. Do you have possibilities for such a society in your area?

What about those women who transfer their membership to your church? Invite them to your circle meetings and offer to provide transportation to the meetings. Sometimes it's difficult for a person who is new in a community to get "in" with those who are already established in the church and community.

Many prospective WMS members are young women who have married while still YWA aged. Excellent suggestions for reaching these choice young women for active participation in WMS are to be found in the February issue of *Royal Service*, on page 4 of "Forecaster."

Could you enlist more women and girls by providing additional units—circles, societies, auxiliaries—at times when they can meet?

Enlistment must be a concern of every woman who is presently enrolled in any phase of Woman's Missionary Union work in your church. Remember — methods change; principles do not.



Rev. Gene Sanford

Top Twenty-Five Churches Church Study Course Awards In Category 17

Church	Address	Association	Awards
1. Calvary	Tupelo	Lee	196
2. Daniel Memorial	Jackson	Hinds	177
3. First Baptist Church	Long Beach	Gulf Coast	161
4. First Baptist Church	Starkville	Oktibbeha	151
5. Alta Woods	Jackson	Hinds	148
6. Oak Forest	Jackson	Hinds	136
7. First Baptist Church	Aberdeen	Monroe	132
8. West Jackson	Jackson	Hinds	128
9. Parkway	Jackson	Hinds	122
10. East Heights	East Tupelo	Lee	112
11. First Baptist Church	McComb	Pike	104
12. Broadmoor	Jackson	Hinds	103
13. Tangipahoa	Summit	Pike	96
14. Eastlawn	Pascagoula	Jackson	91
15. First Baptist Church	Tupelo	Lee	88
16. First Baptist Church	Grenada	Grenada	85
17. Meadowood	Amory	Monroe	84
17. First Baptist Church	Crystal Springs	Copiah	84
19. First Baptist Church	Gulfport	Gulf Coast	83
20. Highland	Meridian	Lauderdale	80
21. Forest	Forest	Scott	78
22. First Baptist Church	Columbus	Lowndes	72
22. Luka	Luka	Tishomingo	72
24. Ridgcrest	Jackson	Hinds	67
25. First Baptist Church	Columbia	Marion	25

'NIGHT FOR CHURCH' ASKED ON SCHOOL SCHEDULE

AMESBURY, Mass. (RNS) — Every Protestant and Catholic clergyman in this community of 12,000 residents have petitioned the town school committee to ban all school activities on Wednesday evenings so children may attend religious services.

Pointing to the importance of religious instruction for all children, the petition stated that school activities—sports, social events, etc.—interfered with attendance at church-sponsored programs.

The clergymen said they did not see any reason why elimination of all school activities on one night of the

week would interfere with school curricula.

The request was taken under advisement by the school trustees.

There are many experiences in life which, taken by themselves, are bitter, disappointing, repulsive, and unjust. Many of the things that happen to us are, in and of themselves, a lone, bad. But the greatness of God breaks through to combine these ills with life's other experiences to produce a positive blessing to those who love the Lord. — James D. Crane.

MISSISSIPPIAN ORDAINED— Montana Pastor Reports On Sidney Baptist Mission

Rev. Marshall J. Strother, pastor of First Baptist Church, Glendive, Montana, on December 27, 1966 wrote the following report on the Sidney Baptist Mission:

"We are receiving a delayed WHITE CHRISTMAS today. A light snow started about dawn and now blankets the ground. The winter has been unusually mild. We have had two heavy snows that finally melted (they usually stay) about three weeks ago. Since, then the day-time temperatures have been most pleasant.

The work of the Sidney Mission is making good progress as you can note from the following figures:

	Av. S. S. Attend.	Av. Morn. Worship	Av. Even. Worship	Total Offering
September	23	24	7	\$80.38
October	19	22	7	92.55
November	20	22	10	88.70
December	22	24	10	85.34

plus \$10.34 Mission offering

"Your support of the work in Sidney, Montana, is the means for the continued work there. A strong Baptist witness is needed in Sidney. We believe that the investment of lives, prayers of concern, and the many expressions of material help are growing this witness for Christ.

"The Kerby family has had many hardships in getting settled in Sidney. They lived in a small (very inadequate) cottage for a month until their trailer house came the last part of September. Due to a delay in certification to teach, no checks were received until the first part of November. The people of our church together with some from Mississippi helped them to get by.

"Our church had the privilege to ordain Robert Kerby to Gospel ministry during the evening service November 27. Several of the people from the Sidney Mission came to Glendive for the service. Bro. Kerby's parents and one sister were present from Mississippi. Kerby gave a thrilling account of his call to preach and conviction that God has led him to serve in the Sidney Baptist Mission. Pray for the Kerbys as they continue their work.

Immediate Need
"There is one need of the mission that is immediate: that is for a mimeograph machine that is in good working order. The Mission has one that our church obtained second-hand about 12 years ago. It has been a continual headache and is now in need of complete over-hauling (it is not worth the cost). With a good one Bro. Kerby could get out the bulletins for the Mission and news letters. A good used machine would cost in the neighborhood of \$75.00.

"There is another need of the mission that will be more difficult to meet and is of much larger proportion: the need of a more adequate meeting place. The present place could accommodate a few more in worship services, but is already inadequate for Sunday school. It is not possible to rent the building for mid-week services. We have looked at other rental property and the problems are just as great with other places as the one being used.

"Looking toward the securing of lots for the mission and a 'First Unit' to meet in would give much hope to the work in Sidney.

"Pray with us for the continued progress of the work in Sidney and that a strong Baptist witness will be the result."

Laurel, First Ordains Preacher

At the request of North Oxford Church, where he is serving as assistant to the pastor, Tom McKibbens was ordained to the gospel ministry at his home church, Laurel First on Tuesday evening December 27. Rev. Jim Bain is the North Oxford pastor.

Serving on the ordaining council were: Rev. Jackie Hamilton, Rev. Clyde Little, Dr. W. Levon Moore, Dr. T. R. McKibbens, Rev. Tom Rayburn, Rev. Joe Triplett, Rev. Reid Polk, and Rev. Edwin Young.

While a student in Laurel High School, Tom was president of the Student Council. He was chosen as Little All-American All-State and All-Big Eight in Basketball and Football. Now a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, he is a member of the Ole Miss Football Squad and active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a frequent speaker at youth retreats and fellowship groups. After graduation from the University, he plans to enter Southern Seminary.

At the conclusion of the ordination service, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. McKibbens (his parents), and Mr. and Mrs. Benny McKibbens honored him with an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Dr. T. R. McKibbens is pastor of First, Laurel.

Poplar Flat Pastor Accepts Memphis Church

Rev. Gene Sanford has resigned Poplar Flat in Winston County to accept Hammond Hills, a newly organized church at 3337 Benjestown Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

During Sanford's ministry of 2½ years in Louisville, the Poplar Flat Church had 105 additions; budget increased from \$9,000 to \$24,000; average Sunday school attendance increased from 80 to 145; Training Union from 50 to average 84; cooperative gifts increased from \$800 to over \$2,000 this past year; and the number of tithers increased from 30 to 87. A record offering of \$377.00 was given through the Annie Armstrong Offering and a record of \$745.00 through Lottie Moon.

A new Hammond organ was purchased and paid in full; a bus was purchased; the entire building has been centrally heated and cooled; bulletins with a colored picture of the church building and congregation have been used; the first 10-day standard Bible school was conducted breaking a 61-record enrollment with 119 enrolled.

Pioneer mission work in Livingston, Montana is sponsored by Poplar Flat. A weekly teachers and officers meeting has been started; a record and receipt system for finances has been installed; an attractive road sign and light was constructed. The weekly radio program over WLSM called "Answer to Prayer" has begun.



Tom McKibbens

The heaviest load any man ever carries on his back is a pack of grudges.

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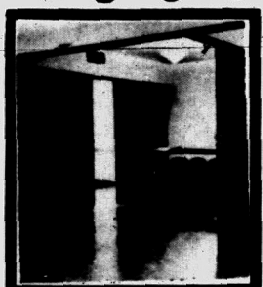
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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— Life And Work Curriculum—

Marks Of A Christian Parables Of Redemption

By Clifton J. Allen

Luke 6:12-49

Jesus was the Master Teacher. His teachings, as set forth in this lesson, constitute Luke's account of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus enunciated the principles that are to guide and describe the attitudes and conduct of his followers. Immediately before the teaching on this occasion, Jesus chose twelve of his disciples to be apostles. He had preceded this by spending a whole night in prayer.

The Lesson Explained

NEW STANDARD OF HAPPINESS (vv. 20-23)

Jesus' teaching presented a radically different concept of blessedness or happiness from the concepts of the world. The view generally held then—and now as well—was that blessedness depended on wealth and status and the absence of misfortune. Jesus cut straight across these erroneous concepts and declared happiness that arises from the inner resources growing out of one's relationship to God.

Note these four Beatitudes. (1) Blessed are the poor. Blessedness is not a matter of riches. One can be happy in spite of poverty. But more important, the person who recognizes that he is poor in spirit, that he needs God's gift of grace, can possess the kingdom of God. (2) Blessed are the hungry. Even though one is hungry physically, he can know the fullness of God's grace and assurance. He can thus be full of joy and peace. (3) Blessed are the ones who weep. Weeping for wrongdoing can lead to repentance; and weeping because of sorrow can lead to greater faith in God. Weeping will turn to laughing through trust in the goodness and wisdom of God. The heart set on Christ is the glad heart. (4) Blessed are the persecuted. Faithfulness to Christ often evokes resentment, hate, ridicule, and even ostracism. If one is willing to suffer reproach for Christ's sake, he can know the joy of suffering with Christ.

THE LAW OF LOVE (vv. 27-31)

Jesus' admonition, "Love your enemies," sets forth the length to which love is expected to reach. A Christian may have enemies. But he is to love them in spite of their enmity, their reviling and cursing, their mistreatment. One does not offer the "other cheek" in taunting. This shows the Christian's willingness to be struck a second time rather than strike back. It shows his willingness to be imposed upon, even to the point of losing cloak and coat.

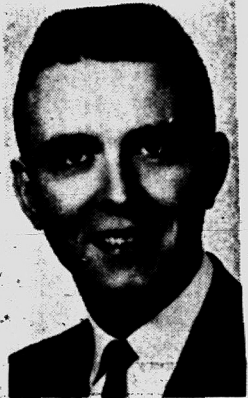
TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD (vv. 32-36)

Jesus made it plain that there is nothing unique, nothing genuinely Christian in loving other persons who love you. Sinners and pagans will do this. But more is required of Christians. They are to rise to a higher level. Therefore, they are to strive to emulate God, who loves those who do not love him, who loves those in rebellion and enmity toward him, who pours out his gifts upon persons irrespective of their obedience or disobedience, who is kind and merciful toward all.

Truths to Live By Jesus' teachings should be taken seriously. His teachings express the infinite wisdom of God. They ought to be taken seriously because they point the way to personal happiness, to moral strength, and to eternal rewards.

Christian character is a kingdom imperative. The kingdom of God stands for righteousness, joy, and peace. The law of the kingdom is the law of love; hence the disciples of the kingdom are under the compulsion to love one another, to love their neighbors as they love themselves.

Christians ought to be different. They ought to dare to be different for the sake of loyalty to Christ and for the sake of a witness to the world.



F. Tanner Riley

1st, Clinton Calls Minister Of Music

F. Tanner Riley is the first full-time minister of music for First Church, Clinton. He began his duties on January 4, moving from a similar position with Highland Church, Meridian.

Mr. Riley and his wife are both graduates of Mississippi College. Mrs. Tanner, the former Thelma Crick of Indianola, served the Clinton church for two years as educational secretary while she was in school. They have a daughter, Teresa, age 3.

During his college days, Riley, a native of Saltillo, was minister of music for the Collins Church. He attended Southwestern Seminary, during which time he was music minister of First Church, Terrell, Texas. It was in this church that he was ordained.

Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor at Clinton, reports plans are underway for the organization of a graded choir program.

Riley succeeds Ed Hewlett, who has been interim music minister since the resignation of Gerald Claxton, who served the church on a part-time basis from his duties on the music faculty at Mississippi College.

MAGAZINE ADDS FEATURE

NASHVILLE—The January 1967 issue of "Church Administration" magazine carries a new feature entitled "Don't Forget."

This quarterly feature lists seminars, workshops, conferences and field services activities of the Sunday School Board's church administration department.

The purpose of the column is to give annually a forecast of all coming training opportunities for pastors and church staff, and to give quarterly emphasis on the scheduled events listed in the January annual listing.

By Bill Duncan

LUKE 15

God yearns for the lost. Jesus came to the world to express God's nature of love for all men. The idea that God cares for the sinful and the weak had faded out of the self-righteous minds of the Scribes and Pharisees. In this wonderful chapter, Jesus answers his critics for associating with tax collectors and those who were ceremonially unclean. They did not tell the whole truth of what resulted from this association in transformed lives. After spending the day with the Publican Zaccheus, new life came to him. Jesus said he "came to seek and save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

One would not expect these parables to teach all about the redemption of man. The central principle is the love of God for lost mankind. The sad fact is demonstrated that all men are sinners and need redemption. No one can read these passages without seeing Love's joy when that which is lost is safe.

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP LUKE 15:3-7

This parable begins with a question that leads the hearers to apply its truth to themselves. The Bible is like a mirror in which we see ourselves.

The shepherd went after the sheep, instead of waiting at the sheepfold, because a sheep never comes home once it is lost.

Christ went out after the lost, and many of them did not even realize they were lost. We must do likewise. "Sinners do not come home to God of their own accord." The joy experienced in the heart of the shepherd is made to point to the great joy of heaven when the one who repents is found and brought back to the Father's love and abiding care.

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN LUKE 15:8-10

It is strange but that which is lost becomes more precious to us the moment we know it is lost. The lost coin was a Drachma, about seven pence, or a Roman penny, which represented more than a whole day's wage for a working man in Palestine. To the woman this represented food for her hungry family. In Palestine the mark of a married woman was a head-dress made of ten silver coins linked together by a silver chain. This coin could have been a part of her head-dress; if so, her search could be like that of a woman who had lost her marriage ring. It is easy to think of her joy as she held in her hand that one coin which was lost. God's love is for individuals. He loves one as if he were the only one to be loved. This love drives

Him to search for and save that which is lost.

THE PARABLE OF THE LOVING FATHER LUKE 15:11-32

The parable should never be called the Parable of the Prodigal Son, for the son is not the hero. In this parable we see more of the father's love than a son's sin.

It is folly to rebel against God's love. This is seen as a picture of sin. It tells of waste, riotous (lawless) living, and dire need. Because of his sin, the son felt convicted that he did not deserve a place as a son with his father. Let us remember all sin is first against God.

The parable tells us of the forgiveness of God's love. The father forgave the son with no strings attached. There is a way of forgiving when forgiveness is as a favor. Some forgive, but always hold the sin over the other. When God forgives, he forgets. God's forgiveness works to change the will and life of the sinner.

The love of the father is in contrast to the love of the brothers and lack of love for the father. The true character of the elder is revealed in how he wanted to treat the sinful brother. There is a sin close to pride and that is jealousy.

But the love of God can defeat the foolishness of man, the seductions of tempting voices, and even the deliberate rebellion of the heart. We must love people as God loves them. Our task is to show God's love for the lost.

Will Rogers said, "he never met a man he did not like." As a Christian we can not choose our prospects for Christ.

TEXAS LEADER, M. B. CARROLL, DIES AT 50

DALLAS (BP) — Funeral services were conducted here Jan. 2 for M. B. Carroll, Southern Baptist Convention leader and veteran Texas pastor, who died Dec. 30 of an apparent heart attack at his Dallas home.

A former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and pastor since 1958 of the 3,300-member East Grand Baptist church here, Carroll was a native of North Augusta, S. C. He was 50.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and four daughters. Mrs. Carroll has been hospitalized since Oct. 2 following an automobile accident.

Carroll was elected vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1965, and had for several years been chairman of the program committee of the SBC Executive Committee, which recommends the SBC budget each year.

He also had served on responsible positions of the Dallas Baptist Association, the SBC Home Mission Board, and the SBC Crusade of Americas committee.



IN PHOTO above Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor of Daniel Church, Jackson, (left), hands deed to tract of land given to the church to Nathan Bullock, chairman of the deacons, as Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blaine, who donated the tract, look on. In picture just above Dr. Webb points to apportionable lake site on the land, along with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine.

DANIEL CHURCH, JACKSON, GIVEN RECREATION SITE

Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson will now have its own outdoor camp ground as a result of a gift to the church of a 20-acre wooded area only five miles from the church.

Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor, said that the plot had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blaine, members of the church for the past 15 years.

The site is located adjacent to Highway 55 just south of Byram. It will be used as a retreat and recreation area, particularly for the large number of young people at Daniel, according to Dr. Webb.

Tentative long range plans include building a lake, clearing and landscaping, eventually constructing a camp house to serve for overnight camp-

outs.

The church's Scout troop and Royal Ambassadors will use the site now, just as it is for campouts.

Tylertown Calls New Pastor

Dr. Johnnie L. Brigman recently assumed new duties as pastor of Tylertown Church.

The church has been without a pastor since Dr. Clayton Sullivan resigned to accept a teaching post in the department of religion at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Brigman, native of Asheville, North Carolina, is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and New Orleans Seminary, having received the Th. D. degree from the latter.

He moved to Tylertown from Coldwater where he had served as pastor since coming to the state in March, 1964. Other former pastorates include churches at Buras, La., and Jacksonville, Fla. He has done field work in Southern Louisiana with home missionaries as an interpreter of French, and has taught Bible in high schools in New Orleans.

While at Coldwater he was elected two years as Sunday school superintendent of Tate County Association, and as president of the Northwest District Pastors' Conference.

The Brigmans have three daughters and a son: Becky, 10; Julie, 9; Susan, 3; and John Benjamin, 1.



DAVID YOUNT, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yount of Flag Lake Church, Tate County, was recently awarded a seven-year perfect attendance pin. Hubert McMaster is Sunday school superintendent and Rev. Cecil Cole is pastor.

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